

3. "LAPSA"

- a. True name: JANIS PRESNIKOVS
- b. Date of birth: 1917
- c. Family: Single - lives with parents
- d. Address: Krustpils iela nr.11A, Riga
- e. Employment: Piano teacher at the
Emil Darzin High School of Music
- f. Education: College
- g. Background:

In message 18 of 15 March 1954, CAMUSO 2 reports:
"During the German occupation he served in the 15th
Division of the Latvian Legion as a squad leader.
One of his brothers has been deported to Siberia.
The other - ALEKSANDERS - is located somewhere in the
free world. They have no contact."

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In Message 18 (second part) of 16 March 1954. CAMUSO
2 reports: "---- I have known him since childhood. He
is by nature a very quiet person --- because of the
nature of his character and his nationalistic feelings
would be very suited for our work --- he is very
suspicious by nature ---"

According to information furnished by CAMUSO 2 on possible contacts
prior to his dispatch on 1 September 1952: "from PRESNIKOVS worked, during
German time, on VEF (State Electrical Appliance Factory) in the Radio depart-
ment as an electrical engineer. When last seen in 1944 lived near Skiratava
railroad station. Now (1952) about 40 years old. A distant relative from
mother's side. Single. Engaged in some black market activities during
German times."

Although it is not possible to pin-point the address given, it is interesting
to note that Krustpils iela is located one block away from the Skiratava rail-
road station. The first mention of LAPSA occurs in message 7 of 13 May 1953
when CAMUSO 2 gives his name and address and states that he has already told us
about him.

h. Operational activity

Serves as a letter drop for the receipt of internal USSR
mail.

Two letters were mailed to him internally and CAMUSO 2
confirmed the receipt of one on 12 September 1953.